



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** January 15, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** Safe Routes to School Projects

### Recommendation:

Authorize proper City Officials to amend the existing agreements with the State of Minnesota associated with Safe Routes to School Projects S.P. 141-591-005 and 141-591-006; M.P SRTS 2710 (138) and SRTS 2710 (139), to allow funds to be used towards plan design development associated with the project.

### Previous Directive:

October 25, 2011 - Authorized the proper City Officials to execute agreements with the State of Minnesota for the Preliminary Engineering associated with Safe Routes to School Projects S.P. 141-591-005 and 141-591-006; M.P SRTS 2710 (138) and SRTS 2710 (139)

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### Approved by:

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Steven Kotke, P.E., City Engineer - Director of Public Works

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable X

Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable X

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- \_\_\_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- \_\_\_ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- \_\_\_ Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. \_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- \_\_\_ Other financial impact (Explain):
- \_\_\_ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

The School Safety Program was developed and implemented in July 2005 to improve the safety environment at schools, recognizing that additional safety measures are needed to address the needs of school children while encouraging more walking and biking. The Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was passed in August 2005 and included Safe Routes to School funding for each state. Safe Routes to School is designed to improve the conditions and quality of bicycling and walking to school. The goal of the program is to reverse the 30 year decline in the numbers of children walking to school and reintroduce opportunities for regular physical activity.

This project is intended to conduct walking and bicycle education and enforcement in North and Northeast Minneapolis, to produce and distribute maps outlining preferred walking and biking routes to school, and to develop engineering plans for walking and biking routes in North and Northeast Minneapolis. A later phase of the project will make infrastructure improvements to these school routes.

The existing agreement needs to be amended to include the plan design development of walking and biking routes, in order to prepare for the construction phase of this project. This component was not included in the original agreement.